

BEFORE THE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

In re Application of) MM Docket No. 93-94
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Broadcasting Company) File No. BRCT-910603KX
For Renewal of License of)
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Baltimore, Maryland)
and)
Four Jacks) File No. BPCT-910903KE
Broadcasting, Inc.)
For a Construction Permit for)
a New Television Facility on)
Channel 2 at Baltimore, Maryland)

To: The Honorable Richard L. Sippel
Presiding Administrative Law Judge

SCRIPPS HOWARD BROADCASTING COMPANY EXHIBIT 3

TESTIMONY OF EMILY L. BARR
VOLUME 3
ATTACHMENTS H - I

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Editorial

June 6, 1991

JHCC TELETHON VS. BASKETBALL

If you were general manager of a television station, what would you do: air the Children's Miracle Network Telethon to benefit the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, or carry game one of the NBA championship series? For Channel 2, the answer was easy: air the Telethon. Well, that decision didn't sit well with a few single-minded individuals who put self-interest above the common good. And these would-be programmers have made it their mission to let us know how wrong we were.

Wrong? When we helped the Johns Hopkins Children's Center raise upwards of \$1.5 million to benefit sick children and provide them with life-saving procedures and treatments? Were we wrong? We think not, and we want the naysayers to know we would make the same decision if faced with the same circumstances again.

Many who questioned our judgment did an about-face when they rethought the matter. But some, including several Sunpapers columnists, insisted we should only carry the Telethon until tip-off time and then air the game. The fact that the bulk of the Telethon money is raised during the last three hours didn't impress them. So we ask: would Magic Johnson or Michael Jordan expect a basketball game to take precedence over a once-a-year fundraiser to benefit sick kids? We doubt it.

To those still angry over the basketball game pre-emption, shame on you. Television stations like Channel 2 operate in the public trust. Occasionally, we donate valuable air time so that the greater Baltimore community may benefit. Rest assured, we will continue to do so.

To everyone who called in a pledge, and to the countless volunteers who spent their weekend working on the Telethon, Channel 2 extends a heartfelt thank you. You embody what we strive to achieve every day - you are friends the community can turn to.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0361

Editorial

June 13, 1991

OPERATION RAINBOW

This week children trade the hours in the classroom for summer vacation. For thousands of poor city children, it's not much a of trade. All they have to look forward to are 80 long hot days - with no place to go - and nothing to do . . . except maybe get into trouble. And today, a lot of that trouble is defined in terms of drugs - and guns - and street gangs. Think for a moment about these chilling stories reported recently on Channel 2 News: "An 11 year-old Baltimore boy is picked up for possession of cocaine." "Toddlers' sidewalk play interrupted by cross-fire in a teenage shootout."

Children deserve better. They deserve supervised recreational programs that channel energy into healthy, wholesome activities. The City has some summer programs: fun camps, public pools and special events. But budget constraints have taken a heavy toll on recreation. This has been offset, in part, by parents, teachers and coaches volunteering to supervise and instruct kids. Space for organized activities has been made available in housing projects, community centers and on playing fields. What's missing is the equipment needed for sports and for arts and crafts.

According to the Department of Recreation, details are being finalized for a drive designed to address the critical shortage at city rec centers and in Urban Services and public housing recreational programs. People will be asked to donate new or used basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, baseballs, gloves; construction paper, crayons, clay; any sports or crafts items. Because it's in their own - as the well as children's - best interest, Channel 2 believes the citizens of Baltimore will respond.

We urge the Department of Recreation and Parks to give tying up the loose ends top priority status - so that they can publicize the equipment drive - so that we can participate in it - so that children can benefit from it. Time is running out. This Saturday is "day one" of the long hot summer vacation.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0362

Editorial

June 20, 1991

SAVE THE BAY

Citizen pressure in response to an alarm first sounded by environmentalists was the driving force behind the historic 1983 "Save the Chesapeake Bay" partnership. It was co-signed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. This collective effort to reverse the rapidly deteriorating health of the Bay resulted in better laws, better regulations, and an on-going investment of time by citizens, government and corporations. Is it paying off?

A major assessment of progress to date and of critical policy decisions yet to be made are included in a new book entitled Turning the Tide: Saving the Chesapeake Bay. While this major work by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation isn't due in bookstores until July 1st, some of the authors' recommendations, including a moratorium on oystering, have already sparked heated debate. That's healthy. Thoughtful dialogue generates greater participation in our stewardship of the Bay.

An imminent risk to the Chesapeake's future vitality and to Maryland's ocean resorts and seaside communities is about to be debated in Congress. A moratorium on oil and gas drilling off the Atlantic Coast runs out in October. Should it be extended? Channel 2 adds its voice to those saying, "Yes, extend it."

The continental shelf drilling is part of President Bush's five-year national energy plan, but we're convinced the risks to our environment make it an unacceptable alternative. Most members of Maryland's Congressional delegation agree. Please let them know you're behind a continuation of the moratorium. Nothing is more persuasive than a ground swell of public support. An erosion of that can be far more devastating than the erosion occurring at the hand of nature.

Turning the tide - saving the Chesapeake Bay . . . in the final analysis, it's up to us.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0363

Editorial

June 27, 1991

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

After a search that's lasted more than six months, the Baltimore City School Board is in the final phase of selecting a new superintendent. In recent weeks, the five finalists were interviewed by individuals representing parent groups, the business sector, unions, and community-based organizations. By involving these diverse constituencies, the School Board and the Mayor made the selection process a more inclusive one.

This week those of us involved in the interviewing reported to the Board our evaluation of the strengths - and weaknesses - of each candidate. One critical multi-faceted question posed to each would-be Superintendent was: What is your vision for public education in Baltimore City? What is your plan for realizing that vision? How will you get disparate groups to embrace innovative change with a singleness of purpose? And, finally, what's your timetable, including the benchmarks for measuring progress?

The answers given to these and other questions made one thing clear. No one person possesses the full range of skills needed to reverse both the perception and the product of the Baltimore City schools. The Board and the Mayor need to be mindful of this and of the importance of selecting for the top position a person who has a challenging vision - and the capacity to build a community consensus around that vision. The new Superintendent must also possess the self-confidence needed to work with deputies who complement the boss' strengths and compensate for any weaknesses.

Channel 2 urges the School Board and the Mayor to fully consider the broad-based community input they requested and received, and in choosing the next Superintendent, be as bold and as visionary as they have said they want the school leader to be - and that he or she must be - in order to demand and get whatever it's going to take to make our schools equal to the critical challenges they face.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0364

Editorial

July 3, 1991

VOTER REGISTRATION

One thing our involvement in the Persian Gulf War did for this nation was ignite a demonstration of patriotism unmatched since World War II. There have been so many parades and ceremonies, we run the risk of thinking of the Fourth of July as a continuation of the long victory celebration. Channel 2 urges a second thought.

We must observe the Fourth mindful that it commemorates the birth of our nation and the establishment of a new form of government - a government by and for the people - a government that offers citizens the opportunity to influence the nation's agenda through participation in the political process. In recent years, more and more Americans have failed to take advantage of that opportunity. Voter turnout in national, state and local elections has been dismally low. Channel 2 hopes the current wave of patriotism will reverse that trend. For Baltimoreans, the opportunity is imminent. There is a primary in September - a general election in November.

Voters will decide who will occupy City Hall for the next four years - and who will represent the people living in the re-drawn councilmanic districts. But in order to cast a ballot, one must be a registered voter. Baltimoreans who aren't have ample time to get their names on the books before the August 12th deadline. Registration forms are available at all branches of the Pratt Library and at various other community locations. Call the Board of Election Supervisors at 396-5550 for detailed information.

And look at this Fourth of July as you would any other birthday - the beginning of a new year. Then make a birthday promise to accept your share of the responsibility for government by the people. That means participating in the political process.

Channel 2 believes there's no better way to express patriotism than to help make democracy work.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0365

Editorial

July 11, 1991

CIGARETTES AND CHILDREN

Channel 2 applauds the Montgomery County Council. They have done what Congress and Maryland's General Assembly failed to do when faced with similar legislation. They have passed a law banning cigarette vending machines, except in private clubs serving alcohol. And they have done it because they place a higher value on children than on convenient points of purchase for adult smokers. Reasonable smokers accept that; but during the last session of the General Assembly, some key members of Maryland's House of Delegates didn't. They killed a bill restricting the locations of cigarette vending machines after it had passed the Senate. State Senator Vernon Boozer plans to reintroduce the legislation next year. Those who blocked passage have six months to study the compelling data that exists related to smoking and children - and to examine their own conscience.

That's the best way for them to put into perspective the arguments they'll hear from tobacco and vending machine lobbyists - arguments such as, "A notice saying it's illegal for those under age 18 to buy cigarettes is already posted on every machine." Well, when it comes to abiding by that law, clerks can ask a would-be teenage smoker for identification. Machines can't.

Next spring when its law goes into effect, Montgomery County will be joining a growing number of states and cities that have banned or restricted cigarette vending machines. All have done so mindful of the financial impact the ban has upon machine owners, but the arguments focusing on the health of ascending generations have proven to be more persuasive. Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States - and more than half of all smokers in their 40s now, started smoking before they were 18. Everything possible must be done to make cigarettes less available to children.

Channel 2 asks our State Legislators to make that commitment. Considering over one million American teenagers start smoking every year, Channel 2 doesn't think that's too much to ask.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0366

Editorial

July 18, 1991

HITS FOR THE HOMELESS

We've had little relief from the hot, muggy weather that began in early Spring this year. While unpleasant for most of us, excessive heat and high humidity pose serious health hazards for the elderly; for infants; for those with respiratory or heart conditions; for the poor, who can't afford air conditioning - often not even electric fans; and for a growing population that includes all of the above. We're talking about the homeless.

Most of us tend to associate their physical suffering with the more obvious hardships of winter, forgetting that in summer there are fewer avenues of escape. Lack of funds force a number of shelters to close their doors at the end of winter and many emergency programs are seasonal. In summer, as a result of constant exposure to the elements, a disproportionate number of homeless people experience heat stroke and dehydration. Many who succumb to these life-threatening conditions are children. That's not surprising, considering a third of the homeless in Maryland shelters are children.

That shocking fact is just one of many included in the first comprehensive statewide survey implemented by Action for the Homeless. This advocacy organization works twelve months a year to meet crisis situations and to form partnerships designed to develop long-term solutions. Saturday, the Orioles and Channel 2 join the team effort with Hits for the Homeless. During the telecast of the Orioles game, Channel 2 viewers will be urged to pledge contributions for hits made by the Orioles. Action for the Homeless will use the money to help shelters and transitional housing programs find meaningful solutions for the changing population they serve.

Changing? Yes. Today, 48% of those sheltered are families. So are 57% of those turned away. There is a compelling need for us to help. Hits for the Homeless is a good place to start . . . Saturday night beginning at 7:30 on Channel 2. Thank you.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0367

Editorial

July 25, 1991

GBC LIFE SCIENCES VISION

"Baltimore, where science comes to life." That's the slogan for the Greater Baltimore Committee's vision for a stronger regional economy. It's just two months since that vision was announced, but already there's a growing consensus that the GBC is on target - that, indeed, the life sciences do offer the greatest promise of new business opportunities and future job growth. The GBC report includes an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the region, strategies for addressing both, and challenges to every segment of the community from private citizens to CEOs.

Baltimore is already deeply involved in the life sciences - in medicine and biological research. Eighteen of greater Baltimore's top fifty employers are health-related. The Baltimore region also boasts some of the best research and higher education institutions in the nation. There's a solid base on which to build a global life sciences community. One great stumbling block is the quality of education provided in Baltimore City's schools. It falls far short of adequately preparing students for jobs in knowledge-based industries.

Drastic measures are necessary to turn public education around, including devising a curriculum that will teach the skills needed in the increasingly technological marketplace. We should, in fact, seriously consider having a life sciences high school, just as we have the School for the Arts. And we must show students the long-term, job-related benefits of staying in school. "Baltimore, where science comes to life," should prove to be a motivational force to the student body - and a constant reminder to faculty and parents of their responsibilities.

Channel 2 believes the GBC's vision is do-able if everyone in the region gets on the bandwagon. It won't be a free ride - but with a new engine to drive the region's economy, we'll get where we want to be ten years down the road.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager.

SH3-0368

Editorial

August 1, 1991

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD SHORTAGE

"An AMTRAK passenger train derailed in South Carolina, leaving at least seven dead and seventy-eight injured." This Wednesday, that tragic story was reported nationwide. Detailed coverage was limited because on the same day, Presidents Bush and Gorbachev signed an historic arms reduction agreement and the NAACP announced its opposition to Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Obviously, both actions will impact all Americans for years to come. But Channel 2 believes one aspect of the South Carolina tragedy may affect almost as many. Statistics show that approximately 95% of us will need blood during our lifetime - and most will be vulnerable to the available supply.

The strain upon local blood supplies in areas adjacent to the site of the South Carolina accident is testimony to our concern. When the Central Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross was contacted for types "O" and "B" blood, they were incapable of a positive response. Since mid-June, they have been faced with under a day's supply of both types requested. Why? Our local Red Cross is in the midst of its worst summer blood shortage in recent years. Channel 2 urges viewers to do something about that.

The Red Cross offers us many opportunities to donate blood. To find out what's most convenient for you, call 1-800-272-0024. It serves us well to realize: the last train accident worse than this week's derailment in South Carolina occurred in Chase, Maryland in 1987 ... remember?

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0369

Editorial

August 8, 1991

VOTER REGISTRATION

Anyone looking for an argument would be hard-pressed to find it if the subject were the lackluster political campaigns being conducted in Baltimore City. That's because practically everyone agrees - most have been so low key they've been practically non-existent. Past elections suggest, however, things should start to heat up now that the Primary is only five weeks away. By September 12th, the eleventh-hour campaigning should have stimulated citizens to take part in choosing their party's candidates for the General Election. Unfortunately, many would-be voters won't be eligible to cast a ballot. They will have disqualified themselves either by failing to register or by not checking to see if their names are still on the election books.

There are only a couple of days left to do something about either problem. By law, the books close a month before an election. That means 9:00 PM Monday night, August 12th, is the deadline to register for the Primary in Baltimore City. Citizens who haven't voted in the last five years have had their names removed from the books. In the last two years, almost 60,000 names have been deleted in Baltimore City. Channel 2 urges anyone in doubt to call the Board of Election Supervisors at 396-5550 and find out - while there's still time to re-register.

If you are over eighteen, and have never registered, the Board of Election Supervisors is open until 5:00 PM on Friday and from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM next Monday. Then the books will be closed until after the Primary Election. With the advancements in computerization, closing the books that far in advance seems to us outdated. But until the time when Maryland law might be changed, the citizens will have to abide by it. Channel 2 urges those living in Baltimore City not to lock themselves out of the decision-making process. We urge them to register to vote.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

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Editorial

August 15, 1991

INFANT MORTALITY

In a recent report, the Children's Defense Fund ranked Baltimore third in the nation in infant mortality. Worldwide, the United States doesn't fare much better. Of the top 25 industrialized nations, only five have higher rates of infant death. Approximately ten of every thousand babies born in this country don't survive infancy. Eighteen of every thousand born in Baltimore die before their first birthday. That's shocking. But, have we surrendered our right to be shocked?

For a long time we've known lack of insurance and access to basic health care, poor nutrition, and drug dependency are the primary causes of the nation's high infant mortality rate. But we have been complacent in demanding well-coordinated and readily accessible prenatal care for all women. Perhaps that's because most women don't face these high risk factors. Self interest, if nothing else, suggests addressing our complacency.

Prevention programs for pregnant women are far more cost effective than neo-natal care. For years now, babies born too soon - or too small - have gotten a second chance - outside the womb. The costs of the stunning technological advances are astronomical. Federal and state governments pay for women on Medicaid. For others - uninsured or underinsured - hospitals pick up the tab. The bottom line is: we all pay!

Congressional committees are studying the Freedom from Want Act. One section deals with "Infant Mortality Reduction." Passage will ultimately depend upon a citizen outcry. Anyone making a request will be sent information on the Act. Ironically, it includes a program patterned after one piloted in our city. Channel 2 believes if funds had been available to extend the Baltimore project to all of our high risk population pockets, Baltimore wouldn't rank third in infant mortality.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0371

Editorial

August 22, 1991

DETENTION CENTER PROBLEMS

You don't know the full value of freedom until it's threatened. The Russian people found that out this week. While the United States is not vulnerable to the kind of coup that threw Russia into turmoil, a recent revelation in our city should serve to remind us: every time the Constitutional rights of any American are abused, the rights of all of us are diminished.

Because of mismanagement and woefully antiquated record keeping system, more than 90 inmates housed in the Baltimore Detention Center sat in a cell, denied their constitutional right to a speedy trial. That shocking miscarriage of justice surfaced shortly after the State assumed responsibility for the facility. Placing what was formerly known as the Baltimore City Jail under the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services was an action urged by both Governor Schaefer and Mayor Schmoke and approved by the General Assembly during the last session. Too bad it didn't happen sooner.

When the State officially took over July 1st, corrections officials knew they were inheriting problems in the previously underfunded, understaffed operation. Wisely, they made tracking the inmate population the first order of business. They received the fullest level of cooperation from law enforcement agencies, the Public Defender's and State's Attorney's offices, and from the courts. Each is to be complimented for taking aggressive corrective actions.

Channel 2 urges all agencies, departments and individuals whose services and support may be needed to resolve the many other critical problems at the Detention Center to be equally helpful to the Department of Public Safety. To lose sight of the rights of a homeless man is to deny a system of justice that is bedrock to our democracy. If any part of that system is allowed to fail someone else, the system could fail you or me. No one can afford to forget that.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0372

Editorial

August 28, 1991

REDISTRICTING

The Constitution requires a census of the nation's population be taken every ten years. Based upon the findings, a re-allocation of U.S. Congressional seats follows to insure equal representation of one man, one vote. Last year's census showed growth in parts of Maryland, but not enough overall to entitle us to a ninth seat in the House of Representatives. However, the growing Black population in Maryland counties adjacent to D.C. meant creating a new, mostly minority district based in Prince George's County. That left the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee with only seven other seats, eight incumbents, and the job of dividing Maryland's population into districts of approximately 600,000 people each. The Committee unveiled their plan last week.

It's hard to imagine how Chairman Ben Brown, Senate President Mike Miller, House Speaker Clayton Mitchell, Donna Felling and Norman Glasgow could have come up with anything as abominable. Baltimore County is so carved up, it ends up in five of the eight districts. This kind of outrageous gerrymandering goes way beyond politics as usual. It's politics of the absurd. Should the General Assembly pass this redistricting plan in the special session scheduled for September 25th, it will end up in court. And that need not happen.

A hearing on the plan is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 3rd, at 5:00 PM in Annapolis. Channel 2 urges concerned Marylanders to join those members of the state's congressional delegation who already plan to be there to voice their objections.

Members of the Committee must go back to the drawing board. Their existing plan threatens the careers of some of Maryland's finest members of Congress - and raises serious questions about how responsible the leadership in Maryland's General Assembly really is.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0373

Editorial

September 5, 1991

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

By the time the students who entered kindergarten this week complete their elementary education, we will be six months into the 21st Century. That stark reality has contributed to the sense of urgency that characterizes initiatives designed to improve pre-school, elementary and secondary education in this country. An increasing number of people are asking the same question George Bush asked this week when he acknowledged our schools are in trouble. The President's question was, "How many of us demand more of children, ourselves, our schools." In answering his own query, Mr. Bush pointed out, "Survey after survey suggests too many parents and students remain unconcerned, unconvinced that the state of their own schools should worry them."

Channel 2 believes those surveys strike at the very heart of the problem. Our schools will get better when we demand they get better - and demanding that they get better means getting involved. While it is clear sweeping reforms have to be introduced and monitored at every level of the educational bureaucracy, the importance of each individual school cannot be overemphasized. And revitalization of each school does not rest solely with the faculty, parents and students of that school. It must be embraced by the entire community, including business.

A number of exciting partnerships already exist, but there are not nearly enough. As we embark on a new school year, Central Maryland is experiencing the rush of adrenalin that comes with a new City and a new State Superintendent. Both are people-oriented educators with a demonstrated ability to listen. Both are committed to working with parents and the community to make measurable improvements in the quality of education they believe must be in place by the year 2000. Both are convinced the challenge they face is do-able.

Their hardest job may be convincing the rest of us.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

SH3-0374

Editorial
September 12, 1991
CLARENCE THOMAS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

The opening days of the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearings on Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas have been characterized by mood swings. On Tuesday, Senators and spectators responded as one when recollections of the poverty and indignities he experienced growing up in the rural South were recounted by the nominee. His emotionally delivered words, "I watched as my grandfather was called 'boy'," were used as a sound bite on virtually every network and local newscast, and widely quoted in print. So were other exchanges in the hearing room. Senators' incisive questions about the nominee's philosophy of the law, his performance as Head of EEOC, and his written and spoken words of the past took precedence over the poverty to prominence scenario. And that's as it should be.

Americans have the right to know where Clarence Thomas is likely to stand on the critical constitutional issues facing this nation. We should take advantage of every opportunity to find out. The entire proceedings are being carried on PBS. Television and radio newscasts are giving extensive coverage to the hearings, as are newspapers and magazines. Each of us has a responsibility to pay close attention and then to judge for ourselves whether or not Clarence Thomas is qualified to be a member of the Supreme Court. By the time the Judiciary Committee makes its recommendation to the Senate, our minds, too, should be made up.

Channel 2 thinks we have an obligation to let our Senators know how we want them to vote on the Bush nominee. Few votes they ever cast will have a greater impact. The Supreme Court defines for future generations the tenure of this country. The cases they choose to hear and the rulings they make influence the lives of every American.

Our Senators face an awesome responsibility. We do them and ourselves an injustice if we fail to let them know where we stand.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

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Editorial
September 19, 1991
GAY RIGHTS LEGISLATION

"It's the law." Across the nation, that simple sentence has proven to be a powerful tool in protecting the rights of individuals and minority groups. Because all citizens deserve the opportunity to participate in our society, gay men and lesbians should not be denied the protection other minority groups in Baltimore County received two years ago. They should be protected from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and finance on the basis of sexual orientation. Today, they are not.

In 1989, the County's newly established Human Relations Commission was given the power to investigate claims of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, color, creed, handicap, national origin or marital status. Omitting sexual orientation from what is now know as Title 19 of the Baltimore County Code was a deliberate action, not an oversight.

Advocates for inclusion lobbied hard, but instead of becoming part of Title 19, sexual orientation discrimination became the subject of an official study conducted by the 15-member Commission on Human Relations. The study was recently completed and on Wednesday of this week, copies of the approximately 200-page report were delivered to the County Executive and to members of the Baltimore County Council. So was the Commission's recommendation that sexual orientation be added to the categories now covered under the Code.

Channel 2 agrees with the eight members of the Commission who signed the recommendation. Tolerating discrimination against any group threatens the civil rights of all individuals and puts our principles of democracy at risk. Channel 2 urges Baltimore County to right a two-year-old wrong and amend Title 19 to include sexual orientation. It's an opportunity to make fairness a priority.

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
General Manager

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Editorial
September 26, 1991
TOWN MEETING

On Tuesday night, Channel 2 aired **Surviving the Streets**. Participants in the live town meeting addressed the frightening increase in violent crime. How did those gathered in the studio differ from many other law abiding citizens? They were activists - representing churches, community associations and citizen patrols committed to mobilizing their neighborhoods. Their allies, members of law enforcement, government and the Metro Crime Stoppers, joined in the town meeting. Reacting to Channel 2 news footage that showed drug deals going down, police raids in progress and medics placing a victim on a stretcher, members of the audience discussed preventive strategies that might have kept these crimes from happening.

Responsible parenting became the impassioned plea. Teaching values, knowing where your children are and recognizing your accountability for their actions can go a long way toward shielding them from violence and keeping them out of trouble. Ministers reported the church-led "Take Back the Streets" campaign was gaining momentum area-wide. There was other evidence that citizens are becoming more pro-active. During the Town Meeting, 200 people called the Crime Stoppers line with anonymous tips that could lead to criminal arrests.

Town Meeting participants stressed activism also means advocacy - demanding stricter gun control laws, adequate recreational and other preventive programs, meaningful rehabilitation, and punishment that fits the crime. It also includes making education a top priority. Many of the social problems plaguing society are intertwined - illiteracy, teenage pregnancy, joblessness, drug abuse and crime. Resolving these issues will mean rearranging priorities.

Channel 2 and its viewers are indebted to those who focused the problem on Tuesday night's Town Meeting. Now, it's up to each of us to ask: What should I be doing?

Delivered by Arnold J. Kleiner
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SUMMARY REPORT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
SCHEDULE MAY 30, 1991 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

<u>PSA</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TIMES IT RAN</u>
MARYLAND AGAINST HANDGUNS	30
NATIONAL AUTO DEALERS/CPR	11
SAVE THE CHILDREN	126 (VARIOUS VERSIONS)
JHCC/AMOCO TELETHON	7
COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK	630(5-6 DAILY VERSIONS VOC)
SAVE A HEART	32
MARCH OF DIMES	140 (VARIOUS)
PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION	31
MAGIC ME	103
HEAD START PROGRAM	19
BALTIMORE ZOO/ ZOOMERANG 91	57
JUNIOR GOLF	18
YMCA	123 (VARIOUS)
FUEL FUND OF CENTRAL MARYLAND/ HUMANITARIAN AWARD	15
STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING	21
MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING	72
NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION	7
MARYLAND POISON CENTER	72
CITY OF BALTIMORE	92 (VARIOUS)
FUND FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN	31
ACTION FOR THE HOMELESS	41